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**May 28, 2004- 6:00pm**

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Safety Belt / Child Safety Seat Enforcement Checkpoint

**DATE:**05/28/04      **TIME:** 8:30pm to 2:00am

**LOCATION:** On Franklin Road between Delk Road and Cobb Parkway

The Marietta Police Department has organized a Safety Checkpoint as part of the "100 Days of Summer H.E.A.T. / Operation Click It or Ticket" campaign. This project is an effort to enforce Georgia's Safety Belt and Child Safety Seat laws. Officers of the Marietta Police Department, Cobb County Police Department, Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles, Cobb County Sheriffs Office, and other agencies will be ticketing violators, checking for valid drivers licenses, insurance, equipment violations, and impaired drivers. DUI drivers will be arrested. The checkpoint will be in operation from 8:30pm to approx 2am on Franklin Road in Marietta. This location was the scene of a fatal accident last year and a near fatality last May of an MPD officer.

The "100 Days of Summer H.E.A.T. (Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic)" is a project sponsored by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. It is a multi-state / multi-agency effort to reduce serious injury and fatality accidents by aggressively targeting DUI drivers, speeders, and by educating drivers about the importance of seatbelt usage. Seatbelt ticket fines range from \$15 to \$25 and do not affect insurance rates.

Summary of the seatbelt laws in Georgia: All front seat occupants of vehicle (including SUVs) must use seatbelt (exception: pickups with front seat occupants 18 and older), all occupants under 18 are required to wear seatbelt regardless of seating position or vehicle type (under 18 must use seatbelts in pickups). Children under 5 years old must be in a properly installed safety seat (exception taxi or public transit).

**CHECKPOINT RESULTS:** (To be posted tomorrow)

Drivers Contacted:	Seatbelt Tickets:	Insurance Violations:
Wanted Persons Located:	Child Restraint Tickets:	Tag Violations:
No Drivers License:	DUI Arrests:	Other Arrests: